

Application Software Development Tools for Mobile Platform

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Contributions & Scope

- ❑ Propose software development framework and tool for developing mobile applications
- ❑ Scope at J2ME applications
- ❑ Provide SDK and visual tools for automatic code generation targeting at UI, RPG, and network applications



Motivation

- ❑ **Wireless communication is becoming popular**, eg. Cell phones, PDA and not expensive.
- ❑ Applications on the devices are important to attract customer for buying new services and devices.
- ❑ **Variety of applications** are needed, esp. for future 3G phone systems.
- ❑ Many handset company provides different hardware and operating systems as well as SDKs for attracting programmers for developing applications for their platform.
 - **Standardized software** for mobile platform becomes important, emerging of Java standard, and other JSR ...








Backgrounds

- There are varieties of OS and languages for mobile systems, e.g. Symbian, Windows CE, .. C++ / Java..
- **Java-built-in** is one of the common features in existing phones.



Backgrounds

					
Model	Nokia 3600	Nokia 3610	Nokia 3650	Nokia 5100	Nokia 5210
SW Series	Series 60	Series 30	Series 60	Series 40	Series 20
Technology	Symbian OS 6.1 Java MIDP, MMS	n/a	Symbian OS 6.1, Java MIDP, MMS	Java MIDP, MMS	n/a
Connectivity	Bluetooth, Infrared	n/a	Bluetooth, Infrared	Infrared, USB	Infrared
Resolution	176 x 208	96 x 65	176 x 208	128 x 128	84 x 48
Color Depth	4096 Colors (12 bit)	Mono-chrome	4096 Colors (12 bit)	4096 Colors (12 bit)	Mono-chrome

	OS	Profile	display
9210i series 80	Symbian	Pjava MIDP	color 640x200 pixel resolution
7650 series 60	Symbian	MIDP	color 176x208 pixel resolution
7210 series 40	Nokia	MIDP	color 128x128 pixel resolution
6310i series 30	Nokia	MIDP	b/w 96x65 pixel resolution

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Variety of tools for developing mobile applications.

- ❑ BREW for CDMA 2000
- ❑ WTK for J2ME
- ❑ IDE tools are such as SUN ONE STUDIO, Jbuilder, Code Warrior etc.
- ❑ Smart Editors: Forte, Jcreator .



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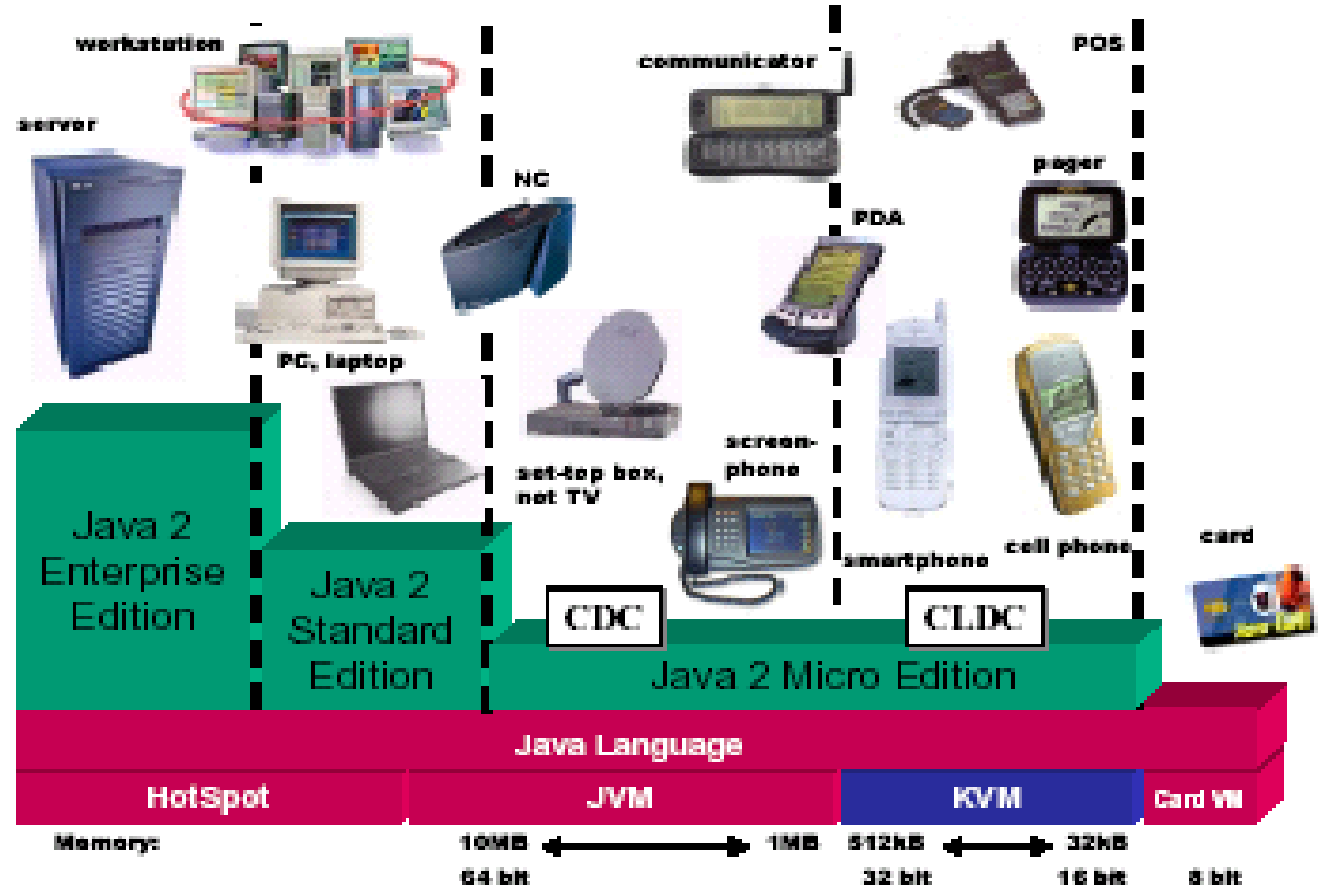
Visual Tools & Automatic code generation

- ❑ Visual C++/C++ BuilderX
- ❑ Jbuilder
- ❑ Visual Component Library (J2 ME)
- ❑ Simplicity (J2 ME)



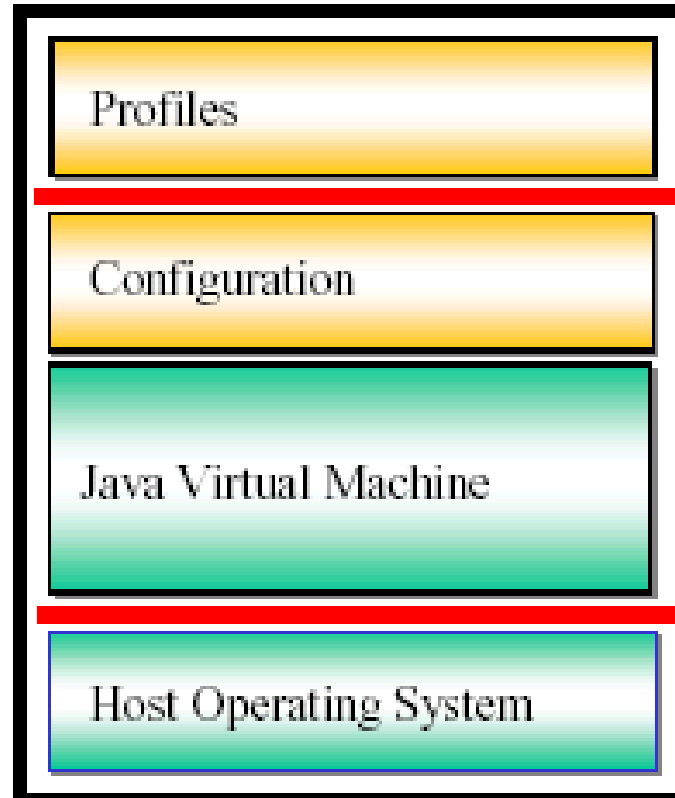
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Families of Java

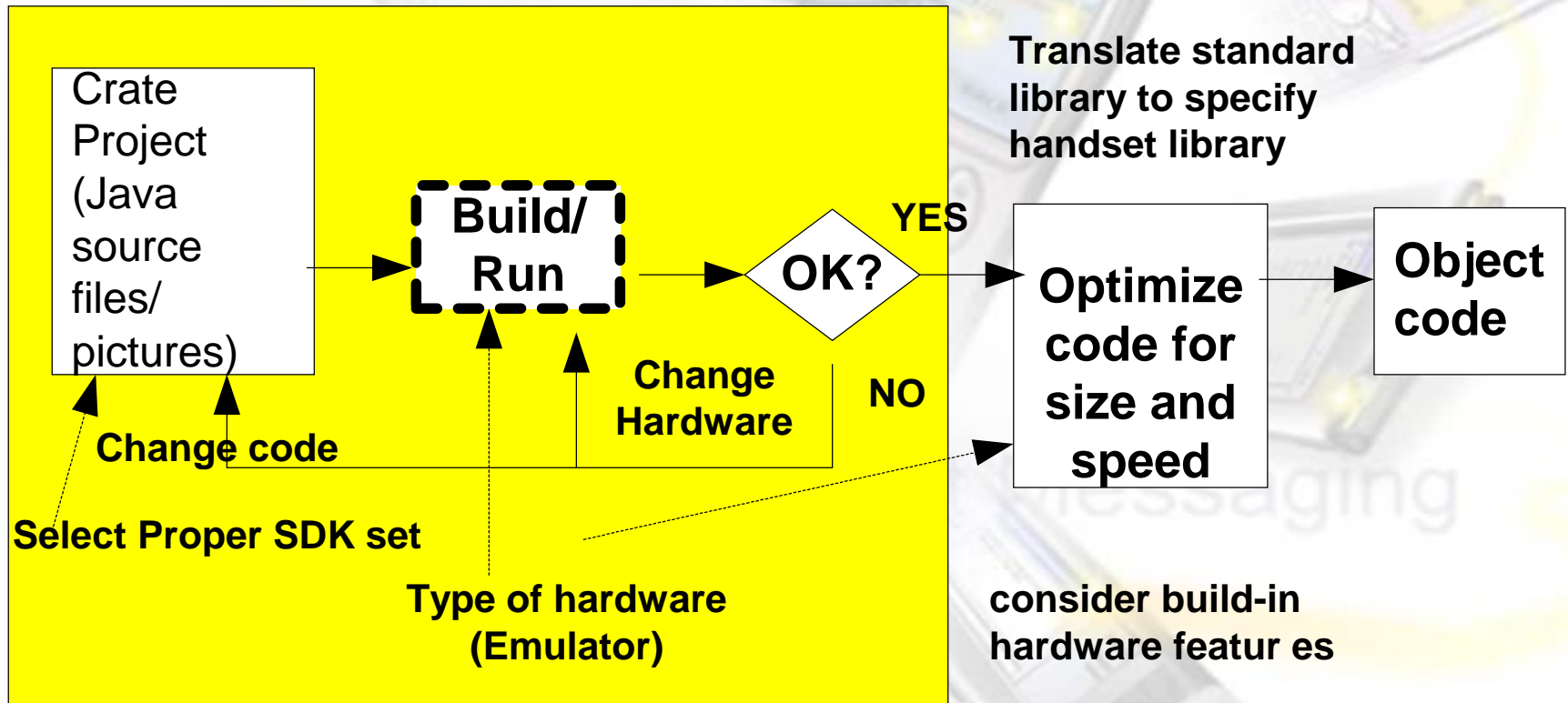


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Where Java lies.

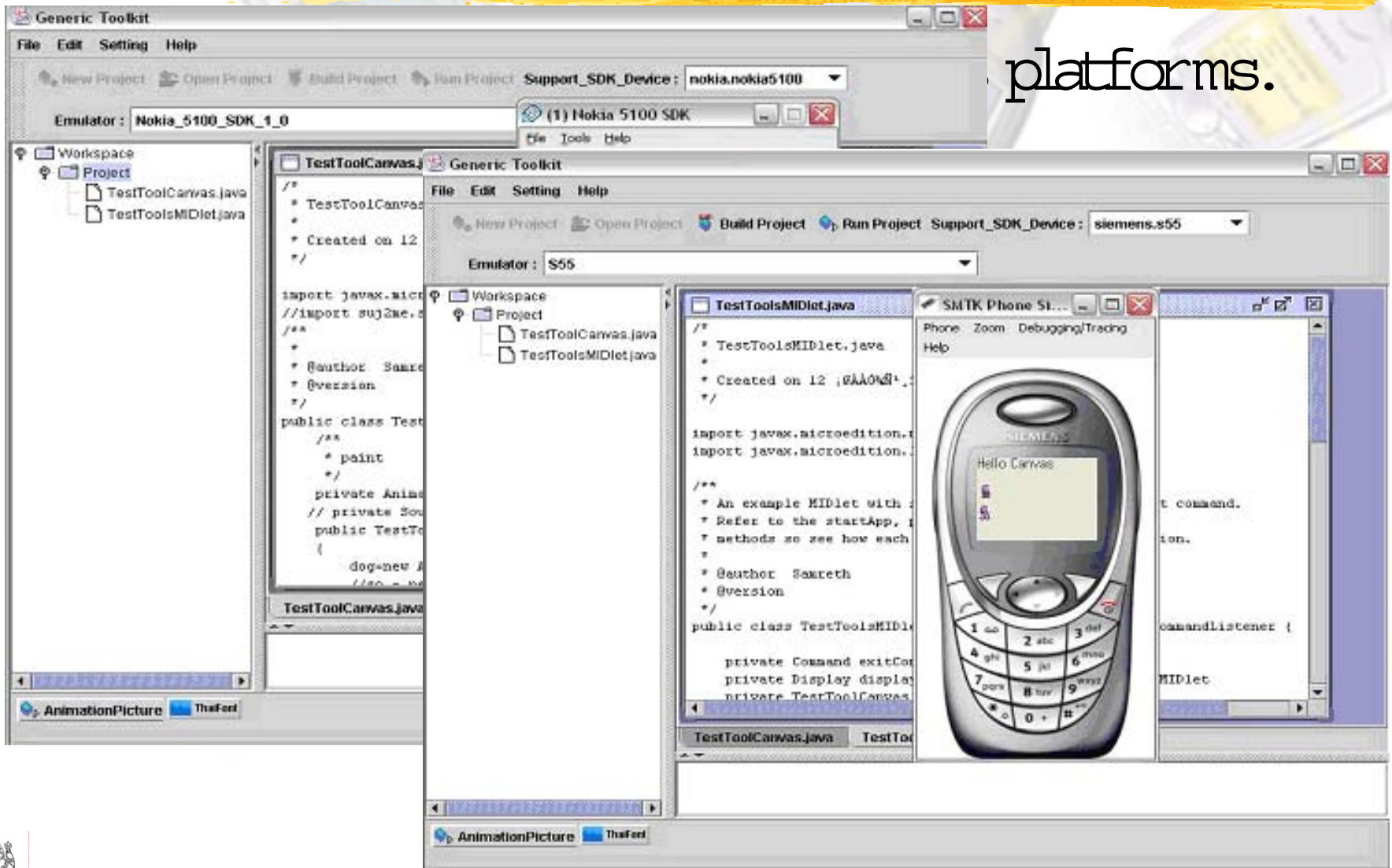


Framework for development



IDE and Generic SDK

platforms.



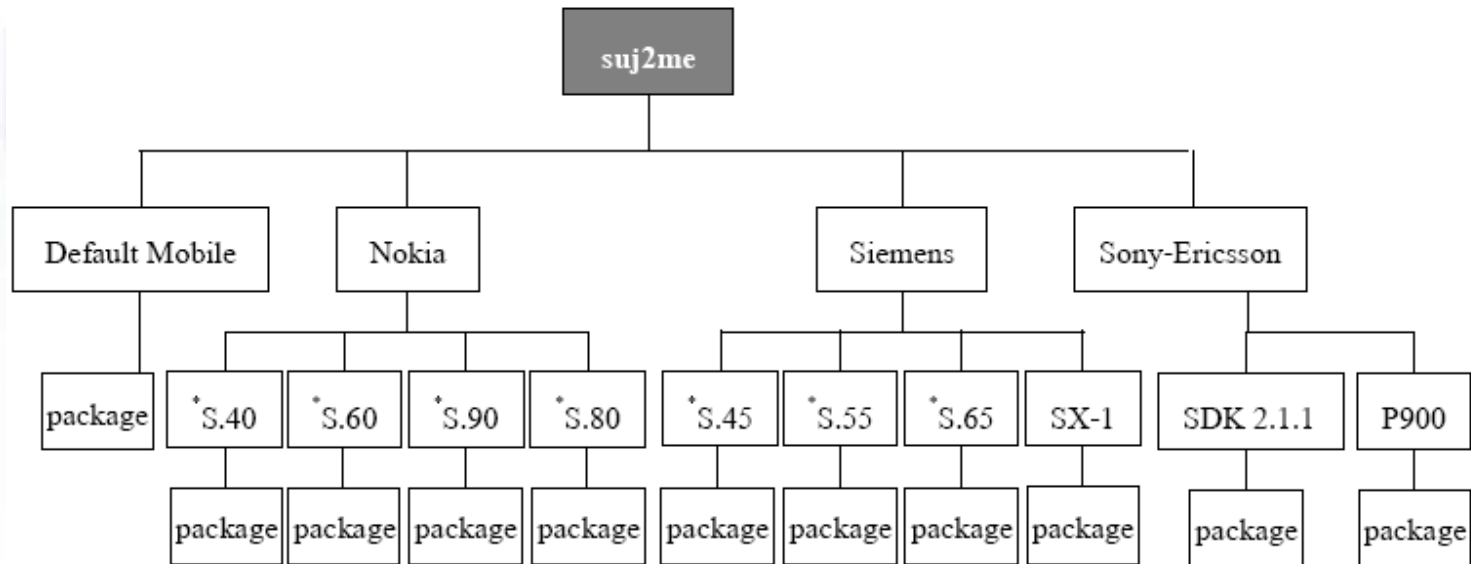
Generic SDK

- A set of generic libraries where the code can be run on various platforms.
- Enable the addition of library set and package which can be extension to Java package or can be tuned for specific handset.



Generic SDK

Organization of generic SDK



Consist of standard J2ME and others.

Current version of S D K

- ❑ Upgrade for MIDP 2.0
- ❑ Implementation for some MIDP 2.0 package are available (this is useful when the phone is equipped with MIDP 1.0)
- ❑ Consists of **main packages** such as
 - Game: for Sprite, Layer etc.
 - Picture Operation
 - ThaiFont
 - Shape
 - Image Processing (under development)

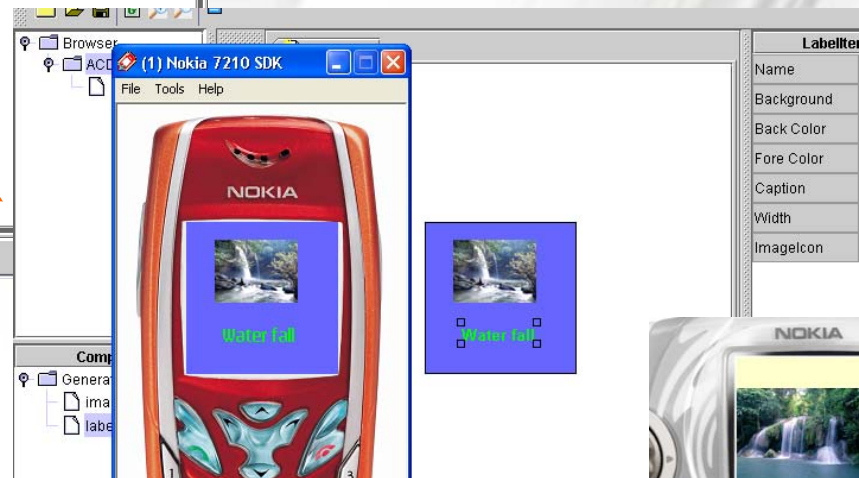
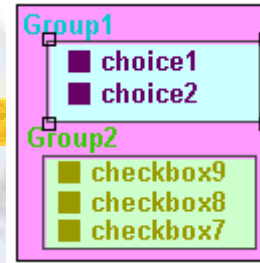
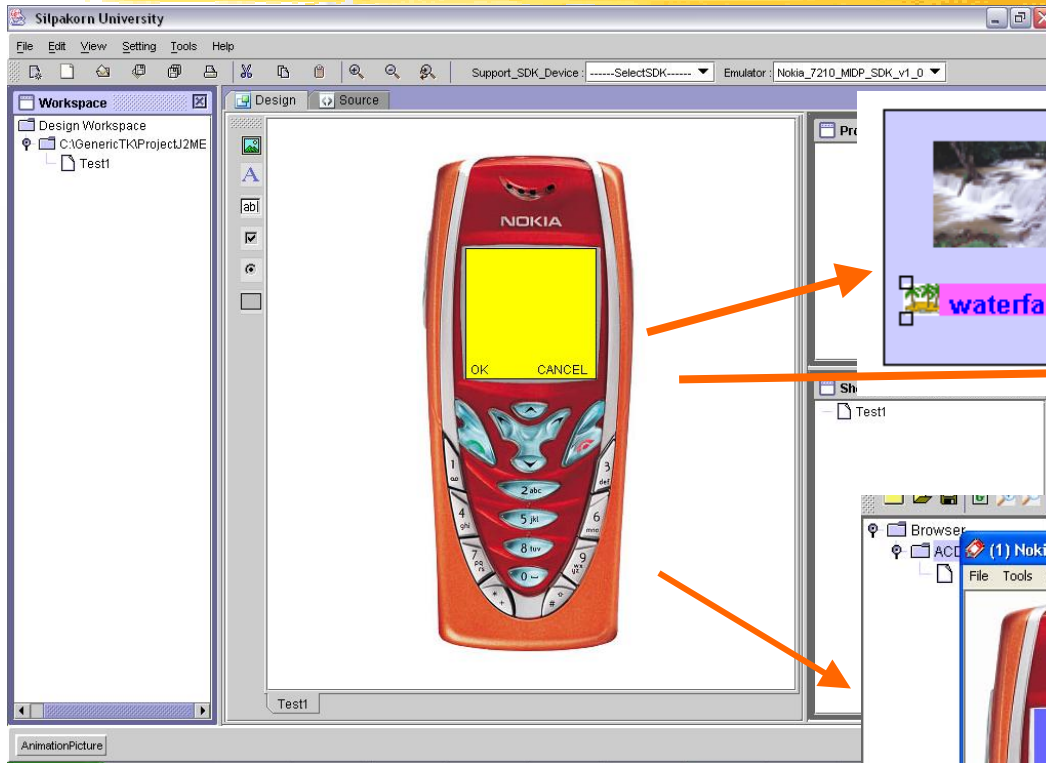


Visual J2ME UI Designer

- ❑ Use package shape and Thai Font
- ❑ Automatic code generation
- ❑ Code can be modified and recompiled



Visual J2ME UI Designer

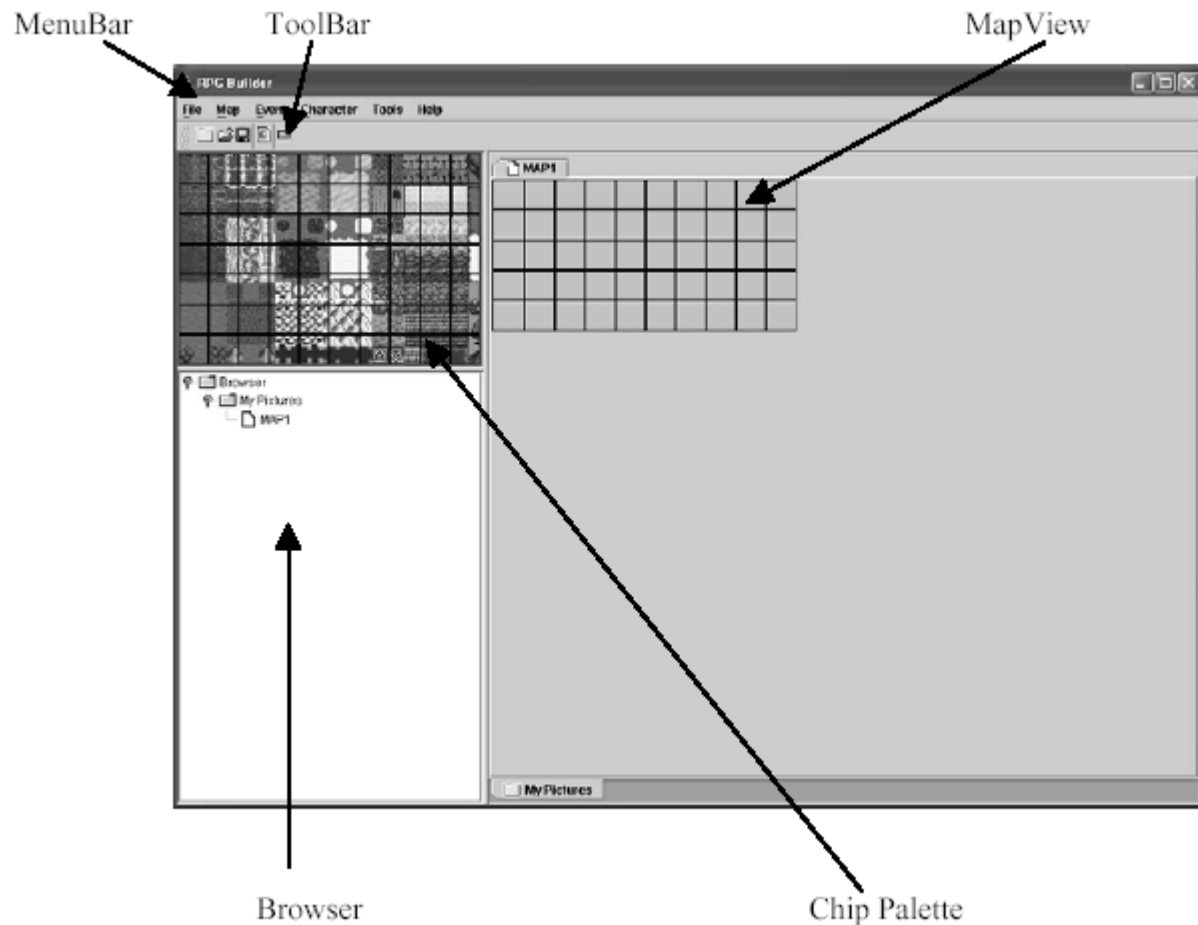


RPG Game Designer

- ❑ Use package **Picture and Game**
- ❑ Automatic code generation
- ❑ Generate necessary classes for Event, Map, Characters etc.



RPG Game Designer



Network Application Designer

- ❑ Contain **architecture** and **message design panels**
- ❑ Generate code for **server** and **client sides**
- ❑ Based on MIDP 2.0 network class
- ❑ Also use Thread package



Network Application Designer

The screenshot displays the Visual Network Application Design Tool for J2ME interface. The main workspace shows a sequence diagram with two lifelines: a mobile phone icon and a laptop icon. The diagram includes several messages: a solid arrow from the mobile phone to the laptop, a dashed arrow from the laptop to the mobile phone, a solid arrow from the mobile phone to the laptop, a dashed arrow from the laptop to the mobile phone, and a solid arrow from the mobile phone to the laptop. The 'Message2' details table on the right is as follows:

Message2	
Name	Message2
Type	Ack
Path	Select Data
Source	messClient1
Destination	messServer1

Four Thai annotations with arrows pointing to the diagram:

- โคลแอนต์ขอเปิดการเชื่อมโยง (Client requests connection)
- โคลแอนต์ร้องขอข้อมูล (Client requests data)
- โคลแอนต์รับข้อมูลจากเซิร์ฟเวอร์ (Client receives data from server)
- โคลแอนต์ขอปิดการเชื่อมโยง (Client requests connection closure)

Summary

- ❑ Develop SDK and IDE tools to aid software development for mobile applications
- ❑ IDE tools feature
 - ❑ Use generic SDK
 - ❑ Editor for code editing
 - ❑ Automatic code generation based on J2ME
 - ❑ Built-in emulator for testing
- ❑ Current Visual Tools for UI, RPG, and network applications.

